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Mayor Mallory & Stan Chesley Keep City Pools Open Team up to raise funds from civic-minded citizens

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory and Stanley Chesley have teamed up to raise \$140,000 in private donations to keep city pools open this summer. Due to a lack of funding, city swimming pools were scheduled to begin closing for the summer as early as this Friday leaving many Cincinnati youth and families without access to pools during the hottest month of the summer.

“Recreational activities are an absolute priority. August is the hottest month of the summer and we need to make sure that everyone has access to city pools,” Mayor Mallory said. “Kids need to be able to have fun and play at our pools. It is our responsibility to make sure that they have that opportunity.”

Mallory learned of the lack of adequate funding for pools from a memo distributed on Tuesday by the Director of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) requesting an additional appropriation of \$112,000 from City Council to keep the pools open. The additional money will keep all 39 city pools open for one additional week and will keep 11 city pools open until Friday, August 18, the Friday before school starts.

After learning of the funding shortfall, Mayor Mallory and Stan Chesley spent several hours on Wednesday making calls to local business leaders to raise the funding necessary to keep the pools open. The pair received an overwhelming response raising \$140,000 by the end of the day. As a result, the City is now looking at how to keep additional pools open beyond the original \$112,000 proposal. In addition, the Mayor requested that CRC waive the pool pass requirement for the rest of the summer. CRC agreed and from now until the end of the summer anyone can use the pools.

“I cannot say enough about the how fortunate Cincinnati is to have such a caring and giving citizens,” Mayor Mallory said. “Everyone I spoke with realized the importance of keeping the pools open and were excited to be part of the solution.”

“Keeping our pools open is vital to the quality of life in Cincinnati in the summer,” Mayor Mallory said. “In the future, we are going to have to look at all of our options to ensure that CRC has the funding necessary to run the pools all summer.”

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